

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 102 and 103, without prejudice.

Add new claims 112 - 116.

1-91. (Canceled)

92. (Currently Amended) A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body and a double ended drive bit; opposed pliers jaws; first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, said first handle having a greater cross-dimension than said second handle wherein said handles are asymmetrical;

said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends;

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a fully circumferential tubular body having a central axis, a closed end and an open end, said open end being bounded by an annular surface portion, said annular surface portion having an end surface being in perpendicular disposition to said central axis;

said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity for removably operably holding said tool bit member,

said tool bit member being slidably disposed in said sleeve open end hexagonal cavity, and

means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve closed end to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is pivotably non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first handle cavity, thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive use, and whereby when the sleeve is pivoted to the operable position said non-removable tubular body provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member in said operable position.

93. (Canceled)

94. (Canceled)

95. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, said tubular body having an outer surface, said sleeve closed-end having a flat end wall portion, said flat end wall portion extending to the tubular body outer surface.

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102. (Canceled)

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106. (Canceled)

107. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, wherein the first handle is sized to ~~slidably~~ pivotally receive the sleeve and the second handle is not.

108. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 107, said pliers jaws being non-pivotably connected to said handles, and said pliers jaws comprising a single pivot axis and said sleeve central axis being

spacedly disposed from the pliers jaws pivot axis with the sleeve in the inoperable position, ~~and the pliers closed.~~

109. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, said pliers jaws consist ~~consists~~ of only one pivot axis.

110. (Previously Presented) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 92, wherein the first handle further comprises a bladed tool pivotably connected to the first handle second end, and the second handle has no pivotable tool.

111. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional hand tool of claim 110, wherein the first handle is sized to ~~slidably~~ pivotally receive the sleeve and the second handle is not.

112. (New), A multi-functional hand tool comprising:

at least one interchangeable tool bit member comprising a hexagonal body; opposed pliers jaws; first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first handle having opposed sides forming an elongated cavity, said first handle having a greater cross-dimension than said second handle wherein said handles are asymmetrical;

said pliers jaws being operably disposed at said first ends;

a sleeve comprising a one-piece unitary construction formed with a circumferential tubular body having a central axis, a closed end and an open end, said open end being formed with a hexagonal cavity for removably operably holding said tool bit member,

said tool bit member being slidably disposed in said sleeve open end hexagonal cavity , and
means for pivotably fixedly connecting the sleeve closed end to the first handle adjacent the first handle second end so that the sleeve is pivotably non-removable, whereby the sleeve and the tool bit member are pivoted from an operable position disposed away from the first handle to an inoperable position disposed in the first handle cavity so that the sleeve and tool bit are inoperably stowed in the first handle without having to remove and separately stow the tool bit member or sleeve outside the pliers first handle cavity, thereby permitting ready alternate pliers or tool bit drive use, said handles and pliers jaws being operable with the sleeve and tool bit member in the operable and inoperable positions, and with the sleeve pivoted from the inoperable position to the operable position said non-removable tubular body provides a uniform torque transfer to said tool bit member.

113. (New) The multifunctional tool of claims 112, said first and second handles having different lengths measured from the respective first and second ends.

114. (New) The multifunctional tool of claim 92, said first and second handles having different lengths measured from the respective first and second ends.

115. (New) The multifunctional tool of claim 114, said handles having different sectional configurations.

116. (New) The multifunctional tool of claim 112, further comprising means for locking said pliers jaws, with the sleeve operably or inoperably disposed.

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